Short-term strategic plan

A Steering Committee has developed a short-term strategic plan to initiate and establish APIPMA. Goals for the first two years are focused on:

• Increasing partner support and capacity

• Education and outreach about invasive plants, their effects, and control

• Training a volunteer network to monitor and map invasive plants on public, municipality, and private properties

• And most critically, obtaining funding to coordinate and support the activities of the cooperative into the future

Long-term goals will also focus on Early Detection Rapid Response and control of invasive plants in high value watersheds and upland terrestrial ecosystems.

APIPMA Steering Committee
A small, dedicated steering committee from community, county, state, and federal organizations

Priority Invasive Plants
Japanese knotweed (Fallopia japonica)
Glossy buckthorn (Rhamnus frangula)
Bush Honeysuckles (Lonicera tatarian; Lonicera morrowii)
Goatsrue (Galega officinalis)
Stiltgrass (Microstegium vimineum)

APIPMA is a collaboration of conservation agencies, organizations, private industry, and concerned citizens.

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Allegheny Plateau Invasive Plant Management Area

Working to locate, identify, prevent, and control invasive plants in Northcentral Pennsylvania.
About Us

The Allegheny Plateau Invasive Plant Management Area is a newly formed cooperative in northern Pennsylvania. APIPMA started with the interest of individuals who saw a need for cooperative work in the McKean county area after attending a meeting of the neighboring Sinnemahoning IPMA. An initial meeting with local stakeholders including agencies, private forest companies, and community groups widened the scope of the cooperative region. The area is adjacent to the SIPMA boundary; a group APIPMA will partner with to reach common goals. In addition to ecological considerations, the boundaries for APIPMA’s proposed region include areas where additional individuals and organizations have committed to be active in the establishment and activities of the cooperative.

The Allegheny Plateau Invasive Plant Management Area contains regions of the Upper Allegheny Watershed, including many forest and natural areas. The APIPMA region covers Warren, McKean, Forest, Potter, and Elk Counties.

Knotweed is pervasive throughout all of the watersheds of northern PA. This patch was recently detected along one of the Smethport trails near a small creek.

Bush honeysuckles (above) and buckthorns are two common invasive shrubs in forest areas. The Kinzua Bridge State Park saw an influx of tartarian honeysuckle after a large tornado disturbance.

Education and outreach will be one of several goals of APIPMA. This goal will be implemented early in the establishment of the cooperative to gain awareness and support for the cooperative from potential partners and the community.